

Washington, DC – Last week, the House of Representatives' Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) voted to provide the Hilltown Green Senior Housing Project with \$300,000 in its Fiscal Year 2011 funding bill toward the development of small, energy-efficient affordable senior rental housing clusters in the rural towns of Westhampton and Chesterfield in Hampshire County, Massachusetts. Together, the combined projects will create 18 units of senior housing designed to operate at 'zero net energy' output to meet the growing demand for affordable senior housing in the rural hill towns of western Massachusetts.

"There is a growing need for affordable senior rental housing in the rural hill towns of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties. This project is important as it will enable more senior residents of those communities to remain living in or near their home communities for as long as they to and are able," said Congressman John Olver.

"Hilltown CDC is excited to have our request for funding for senior housing proceed to the next step in the process. There is a critical need for affordable apartments for senior citizens in the hilltown region that we serve. We're very interested in providing energy efficient housing that will be sustainable over the long term," said Paul Lischetti, Housing Director of Hilltown CDC.

The Fiscal Year 2011 funding bill now awaits consideration by the full House and Senate.

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